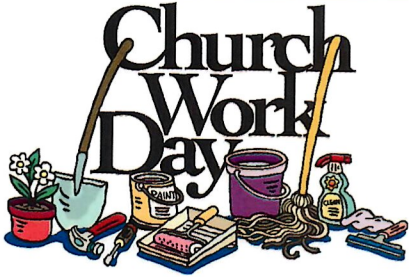


September Celebrations

2	Ray and Janet Mitchell	2	Del and Bobbie Williams
6	Gunner McCain	12	Shannon Hoff
12	Tessa Wicks	21	Gary and Chris Cook
24	Nathan and Farren Reinbold	25	Barb Zier
25	Ed Preuschoff	27	Sandy Lilengreen
30	Melissa Phillips	30	Bryson Phillips

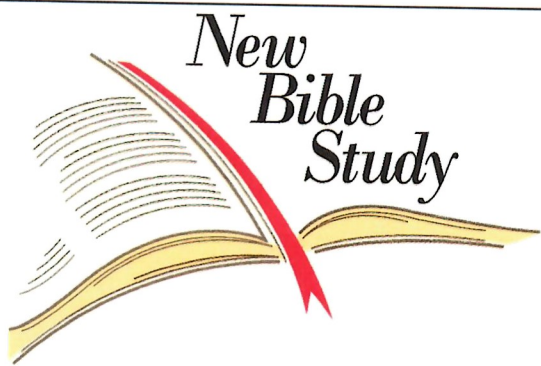


There are several projects that will be completed this fall and **YOUR** help is needed!

The office space needs to be cleaned, wallpaper stripped, and repainted. After that, new blinds need to be installed.

The parsonage also needs to have the south boundary fence rebuilt. It has taken winter damage over the years and needs to be replaced.

The work dates will be after harvest and seeding, but many hands make light work! Stay tuned for how you can help!



Bible Study will begin again!!

Mark your calendars for
September 27, 2023!

1 pm

Church Basement

Come and learn about the Bible with
Friends!



Party Gals! Join us as we celebrate September birthdays! We meet in the basement of the church on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (September 20)! Any questions, please contact Nancy Johnson at 509-280-0827!

Preliminary Minutes-not approved until the next council meeting

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting minutes August 7, 2023

Members present: Tessa Wicks, Johanna Ellis, Buddi Williams, Sam Mathis, Pastor Carol Yeager, Pastor Greg Yeager

Members absent: Ed Preuschoff

Members of the public present: Chris Falk, Melissa Phillips

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm with prayer led by Pastor Carol Yeager. Vice-President Tessa Wicks presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Buddi Williams moved and Pastor Carol Yeager seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer report for the month of July was reviewed. There will be two months shown on the reports from this point forward to do a comparison. Buddi Williams moved and Johanna Ellis seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Pastors' report: VBS was very fun. Lots of kids turned out every day. The potluck meal was on Thursday with Emmanuel Lutheran providing the hot dogs. Char was present and has ideas for next year. The basement was transformed every day into a different scene. The Blessing Box is going to be installed by the same person who installed the one for the Presbyterian Church. Pastor Carol has submitted the paperwork for her retirement and is awaiting final approval. She will officially be retired on October 3, 2023. (CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR!!) There will be a joint retirement party at St. John's (due to the larger entertainment space) on October 21st at 4pm. Logan's BBQ will provide the main meat, Emmanuel can help support with additional food. Details to follow later.

October 15 there will be a VBS Reunion pizza and game party here in the church basement. The local pastors have decided to have 4 events throughout the year to get the kids and their families familiar with the church building without having to attend "church." September 13 Pastor Carol will be flying to Washington D.C. to turn in all of her equipment. Pastor Greg will be in Olympia this coming weekend. Pastor Greg will be in London helping Abby come home from August 30 to September 5. Convocation is in Clarkston, WA from October 16-18, 2023.

Parsonage report from renters: Chris Falk and Melissa Phillips presented a report on the parsonage. They truly love living there and are so happy for the opportunity! They have replaced all the outlets as some of them had shorted out and were not working any longer. They have trimmed the trees and cleaned up the yard too. However, there are some issues that Chris does not feel he is able to tackle. The east and west exterior faucets are leaking and need to be fixed. He has capped one line and shut the other one off. However, he does not feel comfortable fixing it himself. The downstairs bathroom needs to be fixed so it can be used again. The fence on the south side of the parsonage has taken a lot of damage during the past few winter storms and needs to be replaced. The neighbors have dogs that have come into the parsonage yard because of the condition of the fence. Additionally, the furnace in the parsonage has an electrostatic filter system, but it has never been wired to work. The furnace and hot water tank need to be serviced to make sure all is good. The southside of the parsonage alley way will be regraded to allow the drainage to go away from the garage and gravel will be placed so it can be used as a parking spot to get rigs off the road. The lilac bush in the front yard needs to be removed as it is too large for the location. Chris and Melissa will install a smart thermostat this fall to allow more savings for the church.

Council discussed the difference between the need for a bid and an immediate repair. Council decided the exterior faucets and the furnace are repair items and not needed for a bid. The bathroom does need to be bid. Johanna will contact plumbers and electricians to get the work started. Council also thanks Chris and Melissa for the care they have already shown the parsonage.

Committee reports:

Worship and Music: The Worship in the Park was nice. There was a nice turn-out. There were around 50 people in attendance and there was a lot of treats and goodies afterwards. People stayed for a long time after visiting with neighbors.

Property: The parking lot trees have been trimmed up so cars can be parked and pedestrians can walk safely now. The drainage needs to be fixed on the southside of the church before can finish the basement, no eta as to when that will happen. The additional handicap sign has been purchased and the locate has been called in so it will be installed soon.
Endowment: The scholarship money has been sent out to the recipients' colleges.
Sunday School: Sunday School will restart after Labor Day. Council agrees to allow Char Preuschoff to decide which Sundays will work the best.

Old Business:

Office Blinds: The blinds cannot be installed until the office is cleaned and repainted. The wallpaper needs to be removed (as some of it is falling off the walls now) and then the walls repaired as needed. The spaces need to be repainted and cleaned **before** the new blinds are installed. A work party will be organized by Johanna.

Sound System: The sound system offered by a church in Arizona will not come to Emmanuel Lutheran. The system was going to be donated but circumstances have changed.

New Business:


New member: Johanna Ellis moved and Buddi Williams seconded to allow the membership transfer of Ramona Hoff. She will be an official member of Emmanuel Lutheran as soon as Pastor Carol contacts her home congregation. WELCOME RAMONA!!!

The next meeting will be September 11, 2023 at 6pm in the church basement.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna D. Ellis




Rally Day Kickoff

Sunday School Rally Day

September 10, 2023
9 am

Bring your kids! It will be fun!



Membership Transfers

Emmanuel Lutheran welcomes Mrs. Ramona Hoff to our membership!

She has long been a helper here with her family- Debbie Brockman and Michelle Ferderer. Ramona and her immediate family live here in Reardan with a dog and cats.

We are happy to have you here!

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
U.S. WILDFIRES**

AUGUST 2023

ELCA.org/disaster

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to

Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.

Yes, I want to help!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ _____ DDG0077
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
Write "U.S. wildfires" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



The ELCA has recently sent out a Lutheran Disaster Response form for a designated offering. This was sent *before* the devastating wildfires in Washington State—specifically in Medical Lake and Elk. At Emmanuel, we pray for our sister congregation of St. John’s as their congregation works to support their members and community as they deal with the aftermath of the fires.

If you choose to give, please use the form below. You can cut it out, mail it in and the offering will be used for wildfire assistance. You may also bring it to Emmanuel and place it in the offering plate (with a designation for the wildfires). Emmanuel will make sure it gets to the proper place.

If you feel the need to offer assistance for the Medical Lake community, please contact Pastor Carol or Pastor Greg. They are working with the community leaders in Medical Lake to find the wants that need filled.

Church history time!

and family moved to Reardan, leaving Reardan from there. It became apparent that a larger church building was necessary. In 1913 a movement to build a new



church was initiated and a fund started for that purpose. In 1917 the beautiful new modern church building was erected at the expense of slightly more than \$6,000. The original committee consisted of John Mahrt, Peter Tramm and William Wegner but they soon turned the work over to a younger group consisting of John Brommer, Otto Mahrt, Otto Wegner with Rev. Schoeler as an advisory member. This congenial committee worked together so well and due to the excellent spirit, cooperation, and willingness to sacrifice, the church was dedicated free of debt. Certainly the Holy Spirit moved the hearts of Emmanuel's congregation. A three day celebration marked the dedication ceremonies. This

For those of us here in Reardan now, it seems the Lutheran Church has just "always" been there. But this article in our 75th Anniversary booklet tells a different story! A new and improved building was built in 1917.

Imagine building anything now for \$6,000! What a deal!

Our church home has stood in its current location for 106 years serving the community of Reardan.

Blessed be!



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House of God has served us well for almost 50 years and is still a beautiful landmark as evidence of the early settlers' faith in God.

During World War years 1914-1917, Emmanuel was not negligent in its duties, for from its midst many served and gave faithfully at home and across the seas.

The parsonage was remodeled in 1920.

Women church members were given the right to vote at congregational meeting in 1921.